

October 14, 2000

To: Docket Management
U.S. Department of Transportation
Room pl-401
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590-0001

Subject: Central Time Zone change
Mercer County North Dakota

Dear: F.D.O.T.

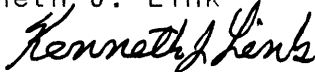
I have lived in Mercer County for the past 23 years and I am sorry I was unable to attend your public meeting in Mercer County as I was out of town on Business.

I went to the poles that rainy day in June to vote yes for Mercer County to change to central time. The decision was an easy one for me and many of the other voters in the county. When I read the requirements used by F.T.O.T to determine time zone boundaries, Mercer County was yes to all of the items. I would not have voted yes if I felt that there was some reason the county would not qualify for the time zone change to Central Time.

I have read the news paper article about the public meeting and still believe as I did that voting day in June. When it is time to make the decision, putting all emotions aside and following the criteria used to judge time zone boundaries, I feel you people at the F.D.O.T. will go along with the Mercer County voters and change the county to central time.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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